

I am concerned that the media, particularly the broadcast media is becoming something akin to a fascist propaganda machine. Sinclair Broadcasting's forcing its stations to air the anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example this phenomenon. This development could have been averted if the FCC had heeded warnings regarding the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for THEIR bottom line and THEIR political agenda and less of what we need for OUR democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a return postcard. Thank you.